



# St. Francis of Assisi Parish

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## Children's Liturgy during COVID-19

With COVID-19 still shaping our lives we have had to adapt the way we offer most ministries. Children's Liturgy is a very important ministry for our children, so we aren't letting the pandemic keep us from sharing God's Word with our young parishioners!

While we cannot meet in person, our leaders have come up with some special new ways to offer Children's Liturgy. Thank you for filling out the survey we sent earlier this fall, you helped us come up with these ideas! Read through the options and sign up on the back for whichever ones your family would like to participate in.

### 1. Seasonal Material Porch Drops

We are gathering some great activity packages for the seasons of Advent, Lent and Easter, and we would love to drop these off on your front porch! You can then pick the best time to work through the material with your children. Packages will include scripture readings, activity booklets and more.

### 2. Monthly Zoom Children's Liturgy

Once a month, starting in November, we invite you and your children to join us online for an interactive Children's Liturgy session. We will read the Gospel, talk with the children about it and perhaps even do an activity!

This will be offered using the Zoom platform and will be open only to those who register, it will not be open to the public. Each Zoom Children's Liturgy will be on Sunday at 10:30 am and will last about 20 minutes. We are planning for Nov. 22 and Dec. 20 to start with, but we will confirm dates and send the meeting links to those who sign up for this initiative.

### 3. Bi-weekly Check In emails

We miss seeing our Children's Liturgy kids and talking to them each week! So our leaders are offering to check in through email every couple of weeks. We would address the email to the children, but send it to you parents to share with them. These will simply be to say hi, maybe offer a prayer, something very simple.

We hope these initiatives will help keep your children and family engaged in the liturgy during this difficult time. Please fill out the back and send a copy to the parish office by **November 1<sup>st</sup>** so we can order materials and get them to you in time for Advent.

We are keeping you in prayer, God bless.

*Ruthann Fisher* (Parish Minister)

*Marilyn Henhoeffer, Laurie Walters* (Children's Liturgy Co-ordinators)

*Mary Ann Chan, Shirley Famatigan, Kyla & Brent Hartman, Laszlo Sarkany* (Leaders)

If you and your children would like to participate in any of these three Children's Liturgy initiatives please check them off here:

1. **Seasonal Material Porch Drops**      Yes      No

(We will contact you before we drop the materials off to the address below, one package per family)

2. **Monthly Zoom Children's Liturgy**      Yes      No

(If you sign up for this please also sign the attached Diocesan Consent Waiver. We are required to have it signed for all parish programs held through Zoom or other online meeting platforms. The form is generic and refers a lot to recordings of the Zoom meetings; we want to ensure you there is no plan to record these Zoom Children's Liturgy sessions, the form is simply created to cover many situations. The diocesan form gives us permission to communicate with your children through the Zoom platform.)

3. **Bi-weekly Check In Emails**      Yes      No

email you would like us to use for this communication:

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### **About your Family:**

Children's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

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Parent(s)/Guardian(s) Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_